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REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, 6 and 7 remain in the application with claim 1 being independent.


Claim 1 has been amended to overcome the rejections under § 112.

Claim 1 has also been amended to clearly distinguish over Speas '284. The Examiner admits the "Speas fails to disclose thermoplastic material which is disposed over a pointed edge of reinforcement." Claim 1 makes it clear that the three-sided corner reinforcement of the subject invention extends about a tapered periphery wrapped in the material of the container while leaving the top surface of the reinforcement exposed. The Speas '284 is not remotely suggestive of the reinforcement cap to protect a three-sided corner of a container with the container material wrapped over the tapered edge of the reinforcement. At most, Speas teaches a circular rim for a drum which is attached by fusion of materials.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the Application, as amended, is now presented in condition for allowance, which allowance is respectfully solicited. Applicant believes that no fees are due, however, if any become required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account 08-2789. Further and favorable reconsideration of the outstanding Office Action is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted

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